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| CV | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 11/9/65 | Lewis | _____ | _____ | |
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| CV | | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 6/3/69 | Bonfilio | _____ | _____ | |
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| CV | | 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 2/23/71 | Johnston | _____ | _____ | |
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| W | | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 3/18/80 | Takeuchi | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 5/25/82 | Rinaldo, et al. | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 3/27/84 | Dooley, et al. | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 4 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6/23/87 | Merritt | _____ | _____ | |
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| W | | 4 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 9/25/90 | Kocourek | _____ | _____ | |
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| W | | 5 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9/22/92 | Sendak | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 5 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3/2/93 | Watts | _____ | _____ | |
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| W | | 5 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 3/1/94 | Betancourt | _____ | _____ | |
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| W | | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 11/8/94 | Courcy | _____ | _____ | |
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| W | | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 12/13/94 | Peralta | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5/16/95 | Knorr | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 5 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7/27/95 | Behring, et al. | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 9/5/95 | Betancourt | _____ | _____ | |
| W | | 5 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 3/5/96 | DiMatteo | _____ | _____ | |
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| W | | 6 - 0 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 5/27/86 | Japan | | | | |
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